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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HIGH LEVEL AFL-CIO OFFICIALS TO
ROC

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1. USING AS A LEAD THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REFTEL,
BUT WITHOUT NAMING ANY SOURCE, EA LABOR ADVISER LEARNED
FROM AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT THAT DELEGATION
VISIT IS INDEED SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AS DESCRIBED
REFTEL.

2. WE LEARNED THAT LU HAD BEEN HERE IN MAY AT WHICH
TIME HE CALLED ON ERNIE LEE, DIRECTOR OF AFL-CIO INTER-
NATIONAL DEPARTMENT, AND PROPOSED VISIT NOW SCHEDULED.
AT THAT TIME LEE TOLD LU THAT AFL-CIO COULD NOT DEAL
WITH GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED LABOR MOVEMENT. LU ARGUED
THAT THINGS HAD CHANGED, BUT LEE REMAINED ADAMANT. LU
THEN WENT BACK TO TAIWAN, DRAFTED A LETTER SUGGESTING
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VISIT TO GEORGE MEANY, AND HAD THE ROC AMBASSADOR DELIVER
THE LETTER TO MEANY. MEANY THEREAFTER PASSED THE WORD
THAT THE VISIT WAS TO TAKE PLACE.

3. AFL-CIO WOULD PREFER FOR TIME BEING AT LEAST TO KEEP
VISIT UNDER WRAPS.

4. ROC DESIRE FOR VISIT IS UNDOUBTEDLY CONNECTED TO THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST NORMALIZATION. WHILE WE ARE NOT CERTAIN OF MEANY'S MOTIVATION IN REVERSING AFL-CIO POLICY CONCERNING CONTACTS WITH THE CCTU, IT COULD REPRESENT AN AFL-CIO VIEW THAT SOME AMELIORATION AND ADVANCE IN THE POSITION OF LABOR IN THE ROC IS TAKING PLACE. WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING ANY RESULTS OF THE DELEGATION VISIT WHICH THE EMBASSY MAY PICK UP. VANCE

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